

### **DETAILED ACTION**

This Office Action is in response to amendments/arguments filed 8/25/2009. Currently, claims 1, 2, 5-8, 12-15, 18, 19 and 21 are pending in the instant application.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeff Lloyd on 12/10/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In Claim 1, Line 13 "adjustable-" has been replaced with - - adjustable - -.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record does not fairly teach or suggest a lateralization device with a lateralization member mounted upon a support member, wherein the lateralization member and the support member have a plurality of interface fittings upon each. The inner wall of the lateralization member has more interference fittings than the outer wall of the support member. The prior art of record also does not teach or suggest that mere adjustment of

the angular orientation of the lateralization member against the supporting member is sufficient to alter the lateralization effect.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BRANDON JACKSON whose telephone number is (571)272-3414. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patricia Bianco can be reached on (571)272-4940. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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